

166 [THE SOUL OF MAN.] *Noses*
TEIPSUM! plp

So when the root and fountain of Mankind ;
Did draw corruption, and GOD's curse
by sin 2 This was a charge that all his
heirs did bind;
And all his offspring grew corrupt
therein !

And as when th[?] hand doth strike, the
man offends, (For part from whole,
Law severs not in this !) So ADAM'S
sin to the whole Kind extends,
For all their natures are but part of
his!

Therefore, this sin, of Kind,, not
personal; But real, and hereditary
was : The guilt whereof, and
punishment to all, By Course of
Nature, and of Law doth pass.

For as that easy law was given to all[!]
To ancestor and heir! to first
and last! So was the first
transgression general ;
And All did pluck the fruit^f and All did
taste[!]

Of this, we find some footsteps in our Law,
Which doth her root from GOD and
Nature take. Ten thousand men she
doth together draw, And of them all,
one Corporation make !

Yet these and their successors are but
One ; And if they gain or lose their
liberties; They harm or profit not
themselves alone, But such, as in
succeeding time, shall rise!

And so the ancestor and all his heirs,
(Though they in number pass the stars
of heaven) Are still but One ! His
forfeitures are theirs! And unto them,
are his advancements given!

His civil acts to bind and bar them all!
And as from ADAM, all corruption take;
So if the father's crime be capital;
In all the blood, Law doth *corruption*
make!